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1. Requested Bill Peel to expedite final production of [REDACTED]  
He indicated that it would be ready by the end of this week.

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2. Met with [REDACTED] and Bill Peel to discuss the transfer of responsibilities for administrative support for the Jackson Committee to Bill Peel. Drafted a brief memorandum to our central administrative offices, advising them of this change and directing that they render Peel every possible form of support.

3. I told [REDACTED] about the report made to the Acting Inspector General concerning electrical installation in "I" and "J" buildings. Asked him to investigate and make a report.

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4. [REDACTED] delivered a memorandum from [REDACTED] on their linotype and letter press requirements. While this is a good start, it does not provide me with exactly what I want and need, and I instructed [REDACTED] to start a case history on each individual job which will tell me exactly why it had to be done on linotype and letter-press equipment and to render me another report on or about 1 March.

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5. In response to [REDACTED] question, I told him that, while there had been no more recent developments on T/O's and ceilings, he could count on the 441 which Mr. Wolf recently authorized.

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7. [REDACTED] expects to have a study on space planning ready sometime next week.

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8. General Morris requested my permission to advise General Powell, G-1 of the Army, as to the number of Army officers we expected to reimburse for in the FY 1954. I told him I had no objections so long as General Powell clearly understood that this was an estimate for budgetary purposes only.

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be a good [REDACTED] I have some reservations about this, based upon the [REDACTED] affair and reports through Shef, which cause me to doubt the wisdom of placing [REDACTED] in command of very many people, and I so informed Jim.

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14. [REDACTED] indicated that an O&M study on the centralization of graphics, which had been in process for months, bogged down and, as a result, he had been forced to set up his own graphics organization on a stop-gap basis. I was not aware that this study was in process and will discuss it with Bill Peel.

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15. [REDACTED] gave me a copy of his proposed functions for the Executive Committee, Commercial Division, which I have asked [REDACTED] to review for me.

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16. [REDACTED] urgently requests that the notice requiring one office to advise another in writing of an employee's record when that employee is considering transfer be completed. I discussed this with Personnel and am assured that it will be ready by Monday. It is ready now but lacks the concurrence of DD/I and Commo.

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17. Participated with Mr. Wolf, Mr. Saunders, and [REDACTED] in a discussion of the [REDACTED] transactions in the Far East and later concurred in a cable sent to the Far East asking for additional information on this subject.

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18. Bill Peel tells me that [REDACTED] is being hand-carried for final concurrence to the interested offices. He had earlier promised it to me on Friday; however, due to the fact that [REDACTED] are both out with the flu, it may be next week before we get it.

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19. Matt Baird is extremely anxious to obtain a decision as to whether we are going to continue provisional clearances for professional personnel so that [REDACTED] from Mr. Dulles and that I would let him know.

21. After a talk with Larry Houston and Pforzheimer, I advised Mr. Dulles that I thought we had reason to be concerned about the new approach to security risks. We understand that it will require a Board from outside the Agency to consider Agency cases. All old cases in which there is any derogatory information must be re-examined by this Board, and the security officer handling them must be someone other than the security officer who handled them previously.

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We understand the Attorney General is having a meeting on Monday with representatives of Cabinet officials to discuss this matter. With Mr. Dulles' permission, I instructed Larry Houston to contact Bill Rogers, Deputy Attorney General and discuss this particular situation with him.

22. Houston expects to have the letter to Mr. Nixon, proposing legislation for General Cabell, finished sometime today, and I so advised Mr. Dulles.

23. I reviewed the letter from the Director of the Budget, which requires us to re-examine our 1953 and 1954 budgets, with Mr. Dulles, prior to his brief meeting with Elmer Statts and Bob Macey, and told him we would have some positive recommendations later on. Mr. Dulles advised me later that Statts and Macey discussed this matter only briefly. Their primary mission was to encourage him to call on Mr. Tabor as soon as he was confirmed, which Mr. Dulles indicated he would make his first order of business.

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it was well worthwhile from both a workload and a security standpoint to do this, since it means the secretary, filing and typing papers in which we have a vital interest, will be somewhat under our control. I told Shef I approved and to go ahead and make the necessary arrangements with Saunders.

25. Talked to [REDACTED] of the International Organizations Division. They advised me that the Memorandum of Understanding with [REDACTED] has now been signed, and they will send me a copy. 25X1A9a 25X1C4c

26. Spent considerable time with [REDACTED] of the Medical Office, discussing a fairly serious problem concerning our medical officers. We are competing with the military for doctors. The military knows this and has agreed that they will not call to active duty any reserve officer who serves an equivalent period with us. In so far as the Department of Defense is concerned, therefore, these doctors are given equivalent military credit. However, the Selective Service Headquarters has no authority to defer calling a doctor to active duty by reason of the fact that he is serving with CIA, and they will not make any exceptions for us despite the Department of Defense agreement. It, therefore, boils down to the fact that, after a doctor has served his two years with us, he still may be called to active duty. Apparently, our arrangements with the Department of Defense are good enough that we can control it from there. However, it is certainly a mental hazard for the doctor, and we want to work out some better way if possible. I think this is probably as good as we can do at the moment, but I want to satisfy myself by pursuing it further with Personnel that we can control it in the Department of Defense. 25X1A9a

27. [REDACTED] said that he had been invited several times by the Commanding Officer at Vent Hill to drop by for a visit, and he thought the Commanding Officer was becoming annoyed at his failure to accept his invitations. I told him to go ahead and stop by and that, if any details of our operations came up, to tell him he couldn't discuss it and let it go at that.

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28. [REDACTED] telephoned to say that he has a friend that keeps pestering him about a contract with the Agency on some sort of technical operation. I told Joe that, if he wanted to get rid of him, tell him to address a letter to P&SO, who would give him the brush-off. I also requested that he fill Garrison in.

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29. Personnel and the Comptroller have both received a number of calls from inside and outside the Agency (one from Harold Lewis of the Times Herald) asking what effect the President's "cut back" program will have on us. I told them to tell all outsiders that we had not received any instructions and didn't know.

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30. [REDACTED] called to ask me to expedite the regulation implementing General Smith's policy of providing housing to our overseas employees and not shipping so many household effects. I told [REDACTED] to get hold of it and expedite it. Later, had a talk with [REDACTED] who indicated that he and, probably, the Comptroller and General Counsel thought this policy was all wrong. I told him that we would be very glad to consider their views, but at the moment the policy had already been decided and that it was his job to get the regulation implementing it out with the least possible delay.

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